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## **“CALEB’S CROSSING” CHOSEN FOR 2013 ONE BOOK, ONE SAN DIEGO 7<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL COMMUNITY READING PROGRAM**

San Diego- The 2013 One Book, One San Diego featured book is *Caleb’s Crossing* by Pulitzer Prize winning author Geraldine Brooks. After a month of accepting nominations from the community, the One Book Advisory Committee selected *Caleb’s Crossing* to be read and discussed by thousands of San Diegans. The novel will become the focus of a series of events and activities this fall.

Classified as historical fiction, *Caleb’s Crossing*, is inspired by the true story of the first American Indian to graduate from Harvard. It is set in 1660s Martha’s Vineyard and narrated by the daughter of a Calvinist minister. The story depicts the clash of two cultures and lays bare the many gender inequities of the time.

The author, Geraldine Brooks, won the Pulitzer Prize for fiction for her 2005 novel, *March*. One Book, One San Diego will host Brooks in San Diego for a series of special community events this fall. Remarks Brooks, "I'm delighted that San Diego has chosen Caleb's Crossing. It is exciting to think of a vibrant, contemporary city coming together to consider a story inspired by our shared past. I'm looking forward to returning to one of my favorite cities this fall."

Now in its seventh year, One Book, One San Diego has been a partnership between KPBS and the San Diego Public Library. This year One Book, One San Diego is expanding its reach by including a new partner, the San Diego County Library. This means the community can choose any of the 66 city or county library branches to check out the book. "One Book is an opportunity to bring our diverse communities throughout San Diego County together through reading. We are excited to join KPBS and San Diego Public Library in a countywide conversation about culture and identity found in *Caleb’s Crossing*," said County Library Director José Aponte. Events and activities related to the book will take place at libraries and other locales over eight weeks this fall and include book discussions, film screenings, panel discussions and more.

**One Book, One San Diego:** The purpose of the program is to bring the community together through a shared experience of reading and discussing the same book. The program also encourages participation in related events, discussions of the ideas raised in the featured books, and examination of how these ideas connect with our daily lives and local communities. [www.kpbs.org/onebook](http://www.kpbs.org/onebook)

**KPBS:** KPBS serves our local communities with news and entertainment programming that respects our audience with inspiring, intelligent and enlightening content. KPBS will deliver

this content via multiple outlets, including television, radio, and digital media and will adapt and remain relevant in a rapidly changing world.

KPBS values integrity, truth, transparency and lifelong learning. At KPBS we strive to engage with our citizens and showcase the unique neighborhoods and people that make our community thrive. And as a public service of San Diego State University, education is a core value – from our children’s programming to our local news coverage. KPBS is committed to being a reliable source for in-depth, thoughtful, and high quality content.

**San Diego Public Library:** San Diego Public Library, which is the largest library system in the region, serves a population of more than 1.3 million people. Its mission is to inspire lifelong learning through connections to knowledge and each other. Learn about other events at the San Diego Public Library’s Central Library and 35 branches, find links to numerous additional resources, or search for materials in the Library’s online catalog at [www.sandiegolibrary.org](http://www.sandiegolibrary.org).

**San Diego County Library:** San Diego County Library has diligently served the community of San Diego County since 1913. Through 33 community branches and two bookmobiles that span the county’s 4,500+ square miles, SDCL provides access to over 33.7 million items and more than 22,000 free programs each year. Recently named the 2012 Library of the Year, a national award for excellent customer service and innovation, SDCL successfully informs, educates, inspires, and entertains a diverse population of over one million residents. Visit [www.sdcl.org](http://www.sdcl.org) for more information.